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“ Shaping Online” Presentation on Integrating Skills

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Outline

I. Definition:

Language skills (reading, writing, speaking, etc.) used together for communication.

II. Goals:

- A. To raise the awareness of learners and teachers about the importance of integrating language skills.
- B. To illustrate how important integrated skills are to most current language teaching approaches.

III. Forms of integrated skills instruction:

- A. Content-based Instruction (CBI): The use of content to structure curriculum or lessons around central themes or topics.
The three models of CBI are:
 - 1. Theme based model
 - 2. Adjunct model
 - 3. Sheltered model
- B. Task-based Learning: An approach in which learners work together to solve a problem, complete a task, or create a product. Learning occurs through social activity.

VI. Advantages:

- A. Exposes learners to authentic language.
- B. Allows teachers to track students' progress in multiple skills at the same time.
- C. Motivates students of all ages and backgrounds.

V. Academic reading:

Integrated Skills in the ESL/EFL Classroom by Rebecca Oxford.

We found this article useful because it emphasizes the importance of integrating skills in the classroom and gives some practical ideas.

Suggested activities on integrating skills:

Activity 1: Information Gap

Give student A an A worksheet and student B a B worksheet. (Excel attachment 2)

Students must ask questions to find the missing information on their worksheet.

Students must not show each other the worksheet. When they are finished, they can check answers.

STAR PROFILE:

Name:
Last name:
Middle names:
Nationality:
Birthplace:
Birth date:
Hair:
Eyes:
Height:
Family:
Spouse:
Children:
Profession:
Position:

Activity 2:

Task 1:

Read the paragraph below and identify the statement, examples, reason and contrast.

What kind of music do people like in your country?

Today, young people in my country like western-style middle-eastern music, especially rock and pop music, for example: the latest hits from Lebanese singers because they are considered modern and fashionable; however, older people prefer our own traditional type of music.

Task 2:

Write a similar paragraph on this question.

A. What kind of clothes people wear in your country?

B. What leisure activities do people like in your country?